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**1 – EPA conducts deeper analysis on waste pits cap, Baytown (TX) Sun, 12/9/18**

[http://baytownsun.com/news/article\\_c14d31d4-fb41-11e8-b11b-0bace5f0f884.html](http://baytownsun.com/news/article_c14d31d4-fb41-11e8-b11b-0bace5f0f884.html)

What looks to be another repair job out at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, with crews addressing the eastern side of the site, is essentially a sampling event.

**2 – More testing planned for Bella Vista stump dump site, Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 12/8/18**

<https://www.nwaonline.com/news/2018/dec/08/more-testing-planned-for-bella-vista-st/>

The federal Environmental Protection Agency will collect more air samples next week in connection with a stump dump fire, according to an agency news release. The underground fire along Trafalgar Road is on a site where the Bella Vista Property Owners Association operated a stump dump for about 13 years. Fire Department personnel said the fire may be burning more than 50 or 60 feet underground.

**3 — Should the poultry industry expansion worry Oklahomans about the water supply? The science is lacking, Tulsa World, 12/8/18**

[https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/state/should-the-poultry-industry-expansion-worry-oklahomans-about-the-water/article\\_b25973de-074c-51cb-970c-b0b4ab75eeae.html](https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/state/should-the-poultry-industry-expansion-worry-oklahomans-about-the-water/article_b25973de-074c-51cb-970c-b0b4ab75eeae.html)

Carrying armloads of survey equipment back to their U.S. Geological Survey pickup, parked on a dirt road in Delaware County, groundwater specialist Shana Mashburn and hydrology technician Emily Moyer paused before crossing a barbed wire fence.

**4 – Investigation: Few results flowing from nutrient reduction plans, Waterloo (IA) Courier, 12/9/18**

[https://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/investigation-few-results-flowing-from-nutrient-reduction-plans/article\\_b4860bb3-4000-5066-9afc-ecd25c9189e1.html](https://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/investigation-few-results-flowing-from-nutrient-reduction-plans/article_b4860bb3-4000-5066-9afc-ecd25c9189e1.html)

Coast Guard, state and federal agencies are responding to an oil leak south of New Orleans near Port Sulphur in the Rattlesnake Bayou, according to a Coast Guard news release.

**5 — In North, East Lubbock citizens hope answers to health concerns go beyond ‘Plan Lubbock 2040’, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, 12/8/18**

<https://www.lubbockonline.com/news/20181208/in-north-east-lubbock-citizens-hope-answers-to-health-concerns-go-beyond-plan-lubbock-2040>

What experts call environmental inequality seen in Lubbock is a result of racial segregation enforced decades ago, but the impacts are still being felt. Residents in north and east Lubbock describe air quality in a way that’s unfamiliar to residents in other parts of the city. Residents whose homes are near industrial facilities say they’re concerned it’s taking a toll on their health.

**6 — State agencies, LaPlace plant responsible for St. John Parish cancer deaths, lawsuit alleges, Baton Rouge Advocate, 12/8/18**

[https://www.theadvocate.com/new-orleans/news/environment/article\\_60d96978-f80b-11e8-972c-775cedb27f6f.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/new-orleans/news/environment/article_60d96978-f80b-11e8-972c-775cedb27f6f.html)

The families of three children and one young adult who died of cancer and other illnesses in St. John the Baptist Parish are among the plaintiffs suing operators of a LaPlace chemical plant, as well as two state agencies, claiming emissions from the plant led to their deaths and that state officials should have acted to curb the danger.

**7 – Water-quality standards loosen for two waters in Northwest Arkansas; standards too restrictive, Huntsville says, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 12/8/18**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/dec/08/huntsville-gets-looser-standards-for-wa-1/?news-arkansas>

Water-quality standards will loosen on two waters in Northwest Arkansas after environmental regulators' approval Friday. Mineral standards for Town Branch and Holman Creek, specified in Arkansas regulations as "guidelines" rather than limits, will rise to higher levels under the regulation change.

**8 – Joint push helped clear Hoga's path, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 12/9/18**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/dec/09/architect-contract-on-council-agenda-op/>

Cooperation between city, county, state and federal government programs all assisted in solving environmental problems that hindered the restoration of the historic Hoga tugboat at North Little Rock's Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. The museum finally received clearance recently to open for public tours portions of the boat that previously had been off-limits while awaiting federal Environmental Protection Agency review.

**9 – Editorial: Time to regulate methane without killing oil and gas, Albuquerque Journal, 12/10/18**

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1255689/time-to-regulate-methane-without-killing-oil-and-gas.html>

When it comes to methane, New Mexico is both first and last. We have the highest concentration of atmospheric methane in the nation — a "hotspot" the size of Delaware over the San Juan Basin, as shown by NASA imagery. And we have the least amount of regulation controlling methane emissions, according to a new study from The Wilderness Society and Taxpayers for Common Sense.

**10 – A push to make fracking waste water usable in agriculture — and even for drinking, Washington Post, 12/8/18**

<https://wapo.st/2L9BQAa>

Fracking requires a huge amount of water, a major concern in dry Western states that otherwise welcome the practice. But New Mexico thinks it can mitigate that problem by pushing oil companies to treat and recycle fracking waste water for use in agriculture — or even as drinking water.

**11 – 'Significant' questions buried in EPA proposal, Politico, 12/10/18**

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-energy/2018/12/07/significant-questions-buried-in-epa-proposal-445263>

While EPA's latest bid to ease carbon rules for new coal-fired power plants isn't going to reverse the decline of coal in the U.S., environmentalists are ringing alarm bells over some of the fine print in the new proposal, Pro's Alex Guillén reports.

**12 – SAWS crews responding sewer spill on the Northwest Side, San Antonio Express-News, 12/10/18**

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/SAWS-crews-responding-sewer-spill-on-the-13452132.php>

San Antonio Water System crews are responding to a sewer spill caused by recent rains on the Northwest Side Saturday evening.

**13 – Study Calls For Project-Evaluation Reform, The Waterways Journal, 12/10/18**

<https://www.waterwaysjournal.net/2018/12/07/study-calls-for-project-evaluation-reform/>

When it comes to estimating costs and benefits of waterways projects, the Corps of Engineers uses outdated and limited measures of value that don't include factors used by most other federal agencies. The result is that the Corps doesn't measure the value of waterways to the nation effectively enough, and that negatively affects both its project selection and the way it allocates resources to waterways projects.

**14 – Opposition mounts as Arkansas moves to roll back dicamba ban, Food & Environment Reporting Network, 12/10/18**

[https://thefern.org/ag\\_insider/opposition-mounts-as-arkansas-moves-to-roll-back-dicamba-ban/](https://thefern.org/ag_insider/opposition-mounts-as-arkansas-moves-to-roll-back-dicamba-ban/)

The Arkansas State Plant Board voted to roll back restrictions on the drift-prone herbicide dicamba late last week, over the objections of a coalition of sustainable agriculture and conservation groups. The board denied, without a hearing, an organic farmer's petition to uphold the restrictions.

**15 – US states to meet at deadline on Colorado River drought plan, AP, 12/10/18**

<https://newsok.com/article/feed/7779975/us-states-to-meet-at-deadline-on-colorado-river-drought-plan>

With drought entering a second decade and reservoirs continuing to shrink, seven Southwestern U.S. states that depend on the overtaxed Colorado River for crop irrigation and drinking water had been expected to ink a crucial share-the-pain contingency plan by the end of 2018.